

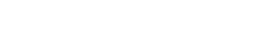


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FIRMWARE MODULES IN A PRE-)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2005, and in connection with the filing of an RCE for the above-identified application concurrently filed herewith, the Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and to reconsider all pending claims in view of the amendment and the following remarks.